

Minutes of the July 12, 2016

Meeting of the Community Relations Commission

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission was called to order at 6:36 pm. on July 12, 2016, by Chairperson Arcelia Pimentel.

Members of the Commission present: Burkhart, Cha, Laliwala, Mok, Pimentel

Members of the Commission absent: Younana, Engel, Varughese

Board of Trustees Members: Connie Travis, Village Clerk

Members of Village Staff present: Teresa Hoffman Liston, Corporation Counsel

Guests: Eric Poders, Media Practitioner and Resident

Chairperson Pimentel announced the first order of business was approval of the meeting minutes of May 10, 2016. The corrections asked to be made are: Janice Cha and Dean Engel were present at the April meeting and the spelling of Dean Engle should be spelled Engel. Commissioner Cha moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously approved by voice vote.

2016 INITIATIVES UPDATES

Adopt A Planter Program

Chairperson Pimentel stated the planters looked great.

Ms. Liston stated she was asked if the Village could place pots on Waukegan. Ms. Liston would see if the Village could do this. She also would like to send a survey out asking what was liked/disliked; how can the Commission make the program better.

It was suggested that pictures be taken and submitted by the planter owner so the Facebook page could be refreshed. Also, it was suggested that fall/winter planters be made; such as fir branches, etc.

Farmers Market Table

Commissioner Cha stated the Commission will have a table at the Farmers Market on July 16. The marketing materials will be on the table for the commission to hand out. There is a sign up for the photo contest, garage sale items, sign up for emergency alerts, etc. to hand out. Copies of the picture contest photos will be hung in the tent.

It was asked if recycling and rain barrel information could also be placed on the table. Another item would be the program for interest free loans for overhead sewers.

The next dates for the Commission to attend are August 20 and September 17.

Village Photo Contest

Ms. Pimentel stated the photo entries were great and on display at Village Hall. The next contest will go on through September 9. It is another successful project.

Someone approached a commissioner asking whether older pictures were able to be submitted. Ms. Liston stated the person submitting the picture should be the person that took it.

Community Garage Sale

Ms. Pimentel stated the Community Garage Sale would take place September 15 through 18. The Community is all asked to participate. There would be no garage sale fee.

Ms. Liston hoped the commissioners had a chance to review the draft plan. She felt it was a great way to meet the neighbors and clean out your home. A map was discussed to let residents know which days residences would be included in the garage sale. The Commission is determining how to word the Village Wide Sale. Standard times and signage are important.

Neighborhood Outreach

The next Outreach will be Wednesday, September 21 at Mansfield Park. The last one held had a good turnout.

OTHER BUSINESS

Interfaith Walk

Saturday, September 24 will be the Interfaith Walk. It will begin after 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Burkhart reported Open Communities will sponsor the insurance for the Peace Vigil. St. Martha's, MCC Mosque, and Morton Grove Community Church are all walkable along with the possibility of the Morton Grove Farmers Market so there will be a common display of worships.

Additional Members

Chairperson Pimentel said new members are welcome. People were asked at the Community Outreach and at the Farmers Market.

Ms. Pimentel stated the next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Tuesday, August 9, 2016.

Audience Comments

Eric Poders stated August 2 is National Night Out. The Commission might be able to have a booth. He also suggested the Commission attend school board meetings, etc. so the Commission is exposed and knowledgeable in different areas of the Village.

Adjournment

Pimentel asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cha moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was then unanimously approved pursuant to a voice vote at 7:39 pm.

Minutes by Janet Sheehan

APPROVED